



Bits & Bytes



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INFORMATION DAY

Clinton County DES staff joined with area agencies to hold an "Information Day," designed to provide job information and supportive services to the unemployed workforce. Many of these unemployed individuals were a result of several recent plant closures in the area.

Other Clinton County community agencies participating were:

- Family & Youth Resource Centers
- Dept. for Community-Based Services
- Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Lake Cumberland Community Services Organization
- Experience Works
- CHANCE
- Workforce Investment Act (W.I.A.)
- Food Pantry

Many of the 200 job seekers who attended had held the same job for a number of years and were not aware of services that are available through these agencies.

Educational benefits are being provided through the North American Free Trade Agreement/Trade Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA/TAA) and W.I.A./Dislocated Worker Program. Several educational institutions were available to discuss procedures for enrollment and classes. **Those participating were:**

- Clinton County Adult Education (Including Project BEAM and ADTAN)
- KCTCS (Somerset Community and Technical College)

See Information Day

DES EMPLOYEE IN THE LIMELIGHT!

GLASGOW – The 81st Annual Glasgow/Barren County Chamber of Commerce meeting was held in February at the Cave City Convention Center. During the evening, several awards were presented to outstanding citizens in the business community. The Glasgow Career Center was honored to have Susie Wells, Employment Services Specialist 3, receive an Ernie Award for her work with the Kentucky Works Program and contributions to her community.



Susie Wells pictured with the Ernie Award

She was recognized for her work with the Barren River Area Community-Based Services, Reach Higher (Work Readiness Job Training Program) and the T.E.A. House. The T.E.A. House provides the homeless of Glasgow/Barren County shelter and assistance.

THE RIGHT JOB IS NOT ALWAYS THE FULL-TIME JOB

A 31-year old, single parent of a disabled 5-year old son recently found a job that allowed her the flexibility she needed.

The mother has a high school education, completed a course study in Business Management at Winchester College of Business, and attended Eastern Kentucky University. Sharon Wallace of the **DES in Winchester** said, "She is highly capable and has had some exceptional work experience. She has a professional appearance and a winning personality."

The mother was in the Kentucky Works Program, taking Job Readiness Activity classes due to being unable to retain employment. Her son's serious illness caused her to frequently miss work resulting in a poor attendance record.

In February of this year, she obtained part-time employment at the Clark County School Bus Garage. Her new job affords her an outlet from her demands at home, an opportunity to meet people and a chance to earn some money.

Under the Kentucky Works Program, DES staff works with the Department for Community-Based Services (DCBS) case managers to assist Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program recipients to obtain employment, leading to self-sufficiency.

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Information Day (Continued)

- Laurel County Technical College – Truck Driving Institute
- Western KY University – Long Distance Learning Program
- Campbellsville University
- Tennessee Technological University
- Livingston Technical School
- Clinton County Community Technology Program
- Clinton County Community Education Program
- P J's Cosmetology

Three employers participated:

- Family Home Health
- Cagle-Keystone LLC
- American Woodmark

Also attending the information day was Lisa Shelton of Albany, KY. Lisa was one of the 200 employees laid off in March of 2001 as a result of the OBG plant closure in Byrdstown, TN. After attending an information day similar to this one, in the spring of 2001 Lisa took advantage of her TAA educational benefits and enrolled in cosmetology school. She has almost completed her training and is working with PJ's Cosmetology in recruiting potential students. Lisa will graduate soon and has a cosmetology position waiting for her in the Monticello area. EDUCATION PAYS!



Pictured left to right: Linda Foley, Lisa Shelton, and Louise Hester representing PJ's Cosmetology of Glasgow.